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REMARKS

The Office Communication states that the reply to the notice to comply with sequence disclosure requirements was not fully responsive because the specification contains sequences that are not identified with sequence identification numbers, and because the sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:26 in Figure 7 appears to differ from the sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:26 in the claims and sequence listing, in particular because "." is not identified in the description of the figure.

By virtue of this amendment, the paragraphs starting at lines 10 and 26 on page 2, and at line 5 on page 3 have been amended to identify the sequence "Tyr-X-X-X-X-Leu-Φ" with the sequence identifier SEQ ID NO: 21. The description for Figure 7 in the paragraph beginning at line 8 on page 32 has been amended to introduce the definition of the symbol "." as meaning any amino acid. Thus, the sequence represented by SEQ ID NO:26 is the same in Figure 7, in the sequence listing, and in claim 13. Support for the foregoing amendments is provided in the sequence listing and in the description for Figure 6, on page 32, lines 3-4. No new matter has been introduced by these amendments.

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CONCLUSION

If it is determined that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number given below.

In the event the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, Applicants petition for any required relief including extensions of time and authorize the Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to Deposit Account No. 03-1952 referencing docket no. 514012000400. However, the Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

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